



THE ARRIVAL OF THE TROOPS IN HAVANA.

VOYAGE OF THE FOURTH REGIMENT.

Three Days at Sea on the Transport Chester.

THEY WERE SHORT OF WATER.

Although the Weather Was Comparatively Calm, Many of the Men Were Sea Sick—Arrived in Cuba on the 20th.

ON BOARD OF TRANSPORT CHESTER, Dec. 18.—Special. Shortly after 10 o'clock this morning two transports arrived from the city of Savannah in the light to take the transport Chester in tow, which carries the Fourth Virginia Regiment to Cuba. The morning started in with a fog during the early hours, but it soon cleared up and there was no difficulty in passing over the outer bar.

The scene on board today has been a sight. The usual inspection of quarters took place in the morning, but in the afternoon none of the commissioned officers came in sight on the lower decks, and it was rumored that something was wrong at officers' quarters. In the department of the various companies one could make a study as to the manner in which some of the men endeavored to refrain from paying tribute to God Neptune. At this hour, 6 o'clock in the evening, or four bells, as it is called in nautical parlance, most of the land lubbers have retired to their hammocks, and those who were the noisiest harlots have suddenly become as meek as little lambs.

Another difficulty the men on board have to contend with is the scanty supply of water afforded them. The hours when they are on duty are from 6 to 8 A. M., from 12 to 2 P. M., from 4 to 6 P. M., and 8 to 9 P. M. As there is only one pump to furnish the necessary supply, it is apparent that the men are not to be supplied with all the water they should be entitled.

SECOND DAY.

December 19.—The first night on the ocean is a thing of the past, but it will not easily be forgotten by those who had to succumb to the little inconveniences connected with any sea voyage. Each company had from six to twelve men on the sick list this morning and some of them seemed to be very happy that the night was over, which they had imagined to be their last one.

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search of his stolen cow, but the cow thief had received his money and taken his departure. Special Constable Martin went in pursuit of the rascal, overtaking him a few miles from town. He ordered him to surrender, to which Taylor replied that he was not the man he was looking for; that the right man was coming on behind, and at the same time drew his pistol, and brandishing it in a threatening manner towards the constable, went off into the woods and made his escape.

Later the owner and a friend of his pursued the fleeing thief, and in the end he was captured. Several shots were exchanged by the pursuer and pursued, but nobody was hurt. Up to the present time the man has not been captured. He is described as a short, thick-set black fellow, about twenty-two years old.

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years since, filed to-day a petition in bankruptcy, asking to be relieved of liabilities for old debts, aggregating some \$3,000.

SUICIDE OF A FARMER.

Became Insane from Moorish Teaching—Suicide Against Mr. Rouse.

WINCHESTER, VA., December 24.—Special.—Thomas Horner, a well-to-do farmer, living near Cape Charles, Hampshire county, Va., committed suicide yesterday afternoon while suffering from religious mania, by drowning himself in a pond near his home.

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DISAGREES WITH THE GOVERNOR.

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existing vacancy in the grade or fireman, at a salary of \$720 per annum in the custodian service in Richmond. An examination will be held February 1st. Experience, ability, character and a workman and physical qualifications for the work will be the tests.

Application blanks and instructions will be given by the secretary of the Board of Examiners, Richmond post-office.

ARMY ORDERS.

Discharges have been confirmed as follows:

December 6th—Privates Thomas B. Henley, Company C, and John M. Warrington, Company K, 1st Cavalry, Virginia.

December 24th—Private George C. Harman, Company A, 4th Cavalry, Virginia.

A POOR COUNTERFEIT.

A very poor counterfeit one-dollar silver certificate has been discovered by secret service officials. It is of the series of 1895, check letter C, plate No. 34. B. K. Bruce, Register, Ellis H. Roberts, Treasurer, small red seal, No. 41,222,305. Chief Wilkie, of the secret service, says it is a badly printed bill, with ink of poor quality, the face of the note being coal black instead of gray black, as in the genuine, and the black, light, faded green. The Treasury number has been taken over with the printing fluid, and is readily visible when dampened, as does the red coloring applied to the seal.

Rural free delivery is now in operation at Upperville, Fauquier county, Va., with one carrier. He traverses twenty miles and serves three hundred patrons.

HOTEL REGISTERS.

St. James: C. W. Petty, Greenboro; J. G. Slaughter, Danville; J. C. Clarke, Roanoke; W. F. Holling, Richmond; N. J. Purcell, Purcellville; John E. Tillis, Manassas; N. V. Peterson, Salem; N. C. Herman and Merritt Buchanan and Thomas C. Coffin, Greenboro; Mr. and Mrs. John Sloan, Richmond.

Hotel Holliday: J. V. Kemp, 245 E. 1st St.; Dr. and Mrs. Hewitt, Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Watson, Abingdon; C. M. Sweetzer, Leesburg; J. G. West, Richmond.

National: J. B. Walker, Luray; Mr. National: J. B. Walker, Luray; Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Venable, Lynchburg; D. C. O'Flaherty, Virginia.

SALES OF COUNTY PROPERTY.

A Bank to Be Established in Heathville—Trade in Evergreens.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Dec. 24.—Special.—The dwelling and storehouse of the late Richard Pound, in this county, has been purchased by Mr. Allen Durrett for \$400.

"The Cottage" farm, near Stratford, in Westmoreland county, containing 100 acres, has been purchased by Mr. P. E. Baker for \$200. It is the cheapest property ever sold in that county. The dwelling is said to have cost originally \$2,000. It was, however, nearly forty years old.

Mr. John Symms and family, who have for a number of years resided at Heathville, Northumberland county, have moved to Bluff Point in Lancaster county, where Mr. Symms has purchased property.

Plans are out for the marriage of Dr. P. F. Nide, treasurer of King George county, to Miss Lucy Pratt Ashton, of the same county. The ceremony will take place at St. Paul's church, King George county, Va., on Monday next.

The Potomac View Odd Fellows Hall at Lottsburg, Northumberland county, was destroyed by fire a few nights ago.

The question of starting a bank at Heathville, Northumberland county, is being agitated by the citizens of that place.

Many people of this section have done considerable business in evergreens this Christmas. Not only has more holly, mistletoe, etc., been sold here than ever before for Christmas decorations, but large quantities have been shipped to Washington, Baltimore, Richmond, and other places, and good prices obtained.

Fourteen hundred pounds of woolly were shipped from one wharf in King George county to Winchester, Va., and Martinsburg, W. Va.

The Board of Supervisors of this county have laid the tax levied for 1898 as follows: County, 15 cents; county schools, 8 cents; district schools, 5 cents. These levies added to the State tax of 10 cents, make the total tax 28 cents.

The Blackstone County Institute and the Hoge Academy closed on Thursday for the Christmas holidays, and many of the pupils of each have left for their homes.

Much anxiety is felt here in the condition of the venerable Dr. Hoge. The Hoge Academy is named for him, and he has always occupied a warm place in the hearts of our people. They all hope he will recover.

Much interest has been taken here in the result of the Carter trial, going on in your city, and the Times is captioned each day to show what progress has been made.

The recent rains have made our streets almost impassable. Many of the boys have been out with their rubber boots and green glasses, and advise others to do likewise.

Mr. M. Hovey, an employee of the Blackstone Manufacturing Company, lost one of his thumbs a few days since by getting it caught in a lathe.

Many deer are reported in the upper end of Dinwiddie, adjoining Northampton counties, and several hunters from Petersburg have been after them. From them it is learned that ten or twelve were jumped in one day's hunt this week, and only one was killed.

BIG FIRE NEAR CLARKSVILLE.

The Famous Old Towns Homestead Destroyed.

CLARKSVILLE, VA., Dec. 24.—Special. While I write "Oceanochee," one of the old landmarks of this section, is burning, and will apparently be a total loss. About 6 o'clock this morning smoke, soon followed by flames, was seen by the citizens of Clarksville rising from the old Towns homestead, just across the river.

The house was built by the late William Towns, Esq., and in later years it was considered one of the largest and finest residences on Roanoke river, while the plantation, with its hundreds of acres of river lowlands, ranks among the best. The property was bought last year by a Mr. Kroun, and with his son occupied the house. They came, I think, from Kentucky. The family have been pecuniarily unfortunate since coming here. The father came here an invalid, hoping to regain health and strength. The wife of the younger Mr. Kroun, who died last fall, and the old gentleman is still almost helpless. They have since lived in with us gained the esteem of all those who have been to meet them, and have now, and have had in all their troubles, the sympathy of our whole community.

The origin of the fire is at this writing unknown. I have just been informed that there is an insurance house in the town. Name of company or companies not known.

Tod Sloan at Home.

KOKOMO, IND., Dec. 24.—Jockey Tod Sloan has arrived here to spend Christmas with his foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Blouster. This is Tod's first visit

Wishing our friends and patrons a Merry Christmas and many happy returns, we are most obediently yours,

C. H. Berry & Co.

Closed all day Monday.

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